(c) and (d) No, Sir. An Amount of Rs. 918.57 lakhs has been approved for Gujarat under NPEGEL for the financial year 2006-07.

Misappropriation of funds under DPEP

2004. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether crores of rupees were spent on activities not covered under the norms of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);

(b) whether crores of rupees were either diverted to other schemes or were kept in civil deposits;

(c) whether any action against the officers responsible for misutilizing and for diverting DPEP funds has been taken; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that DPEP funds are not misutilized/ diverted hampering the performance of DPEP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Some instances of diversion of funds and keeping of funds in civil deposits in respect of DPEP-I and DPEP-II projects did come to notice in year 2000. The matters were immediately addressed. Also states with DPEP programmes were strictly instructed to follow the financial parameters of the DPEP guidelines and ensure proper utilization of funds.

Shortage of teachers in colleges

2005. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to financial constraints, not even a single college teacher has been appointed in a number of States in spite of the fact that many new high level courses have been started;

(b) if so, whether it is adversely affecting the quality of higher education; and

(c) whether the UGC is thinking of utilising Research Students for teaching work to tide over this problem?